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For: OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM
RECORDING LONGEST MARK AT
SPEED WHICH HALF OF LOWEST
GUARANTEED SPEED FOR THE
RECORDING MEDIUM

Examiner: Gautam Patel

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Acknowledgment of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement is solicited.

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INCONSECUTIVE PART, AND
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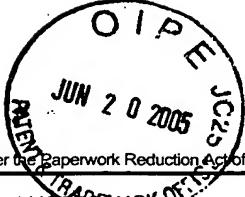
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